

## Congressman Bright Receives Border Security Briefing and Tour at U.S.-Mexico Border

EL PASO, TX — Congressman Bright concluded a tour of the El Paso Border Patrol Sector today. In addition to Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) facilities and infrastructure, Congressman Bright visited an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) center in El Paso. The El Paso Sector covers west Texas and New Mexico, encompassing both rural and urban areas of the border.

“It’s easy to talk about securing the border, but it’s much more helpful and valuable to see the problem up close and find out what works and what doesn’t,” Bright said. “The tour of the El Paso certainly provided me with invaluable knowledge about some of the challenges along our southern border. El Paso sits across the Rio Grande from Juarez, Mexico, one of the most dangerous cities in the western hemisphere. Yet El Paso remains one of the safest cities in America. That tells me that the El Paso Border Patrol Sector is doing something right, and we should be able to replicate their success across the entire southern border.”

“The El Paso Sector’s combination of man power, border fencing, and technology has proven effective at preventing violence from spilling over our borders and deters many illegal immigrants from even attempting to enter the country unlawfully. As a result, violence and arrests have dropped dramatically since 2006,” Bright continued.

Some of the sites/technology Congressman Bright visited included:

Port-of-entry:  
passport control, primary inspection, secondary inspection  
Mobile  
Surveillance System (night security)  
National  
Guard stationed along the border  
Border  
Infrastructure (fencing, etc.)  
Forward  
Looking Infrared (FLIR)  
Remote  
Video Surveillance System (RVSS)  
Operation  
Hold the Line along the Rio Grande  
Del  
Norte Processing Center- Fingerprinting and Biometric identification  
systems  
Immigration  
and Customs Enforcement Center (ICE)

“Border security doesn’t end with Customs and Border Patrol,” Bright said. “We must provide ICE with more investigative capabilities and detention centers so it can effectively perform its duties. Additionally, too many businesses take advantage of our broken borders. They use illegal immigrants for cheap labor, which not only encourages additional immigration; it drives down wages for American citizens and makes jobs harder to find. We must do more to both strengthen border security and crack down on those who hire illegal immigrants. I’m looking forward to sharing my observations with my constituents as well as my colleagues in Washington.”

Congressman  
Bright is an original  
co-sponsor of the SAVE Act, which will provide additional border security, increase use of technology along the border, and expand the use of E-Verify, the program businesses can use to check employees’ citizenship status.

Bright  
will host a town hall tomorrow in Dothan to discuss his recent trip as well as other issues. The town hall begins at 3 p.m. and will take place at the City Commission Chambers inside the Dothan Civic Center at 126 North Andrews St.

Pictures  
of Congressman Bright on the tour will be available shortly. Please contact Lewis Lowe in Congressman Bright’s office if you would like copies of the pictures.

